

REMARKS

Summary of Substance of Interview

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for conducting a telephonic interview on May 18, 2009 with Applicants' undersigned representative. It is believed that the Examiner's Interview Summary, which the Examiner has said will be included with the Notice of Allowance, in conjunction with the remarks made herein will adequately summarize the substance of the interview, in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 713.04.

This application has been further reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 11, 2009 and the telephonic interview. This Supplemental Amendment follows the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and an accompanying Amendment on May 11, 2009.

Claims 94, 96-99, 101-106, 108, 109, 111-114, 116-121, 123, 124, 126-129, 131-136, and 138-144 are presented for examination. Claims 95, 107, 110, 122, 125, and 137 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 94, 96, 97, 109, 111, 112, 124, 126, and 127 have been amended as discussed below. Claims 94, 109, and 124 are independent. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Information Disclosure Statement filed May 11, 2009 and provide an initialed copy of the associated SB-08 forms.

Although Applicants believe that the Amendment filed May 11, 2009 was sufficient to overcome the outstanding rejections, the claims have been amended herein as discussed during the telephonic interview in order to expedite prosecution. It was agreed that the claims thusly amended would place this application in condition for allowance.

Applicants would like to point out that the language added to the claims relating to the master server and slave servers is not intended to bind particular computer servers to these particular roles. Reassigning master/slave server roles is well-known, and a person of ordinary skill in the art would understand that these roles can be changed. For example, there may be situations in which, due to load-balancing, the system may choose a different server to be the master server for certain queries. As a further example, the system might reassign master/slave relationships within a server

pool as part of a failure recovery or redundancy scheme. To emphasize this point, the term “root server” has been changed to “first server” in the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

If any fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 08-0219, under Order No. 0109878.00124US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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